Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office Of The Governor

WHEREAS, South Dakota was founded with hard work, perseverance, dedication to duty, and concern for one's fellow man; and,

WHEREAS, Victor J. Battista has demonstrated this dedication to duty through his many years of contributions to the field of corrections as the first elected president and first executive board chairman of the South Dakota Corrections Association, the first vice president of the Central States Corrections Association, a Governor's appointment to the South Dakota Alcoholism Commission and the South Dakota Crime Commission, chairman of the Corrections Task Force of the South Dakota Criminal Justice Standards and Goals Commission and, in concert with others and the University of South Dakota, he helped implement the Criminal Justice Studies degree program, just to name a few; and,

WHEREAS, Vic has devoted his life to the betterment of his community through his membership on the Sioux Falls Council of Social Agencies—today known as United Way, his commitment and involvement as co-founder of Project Threshold, and through his caring and sharing with family and friends and the day-to-day giving and loving which make South Dakota a great state in which to live and work; and,

WHEREAS, Vic Battista has always been a persuasive and effective representative of corrections before the state legislature; and,

WHEREAS, Never one to refuse help to anyone, Vic has provided services to literally hundreds of groups and organizations as a resource person, speaker, group leader, and advisor; and,

WHEREAS, On behalf of a state grateful for the benefits derived from Victor J. Battista's years as a productive and outstanding citizen of South Dakota:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE S. MICKELSON, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim August 13, 1988, as

VICTOR J. BATTISTA DAY

in South Dakota, and I join with his friends and family in wishing him an enjoyable retirement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-First Day of July, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Eighty-Eight

GEORGE S. MICKELSON, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

JOYCE HAZELTINE, SECRETARY OF STATE